IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 26 (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A method of indicating whether items on a shopping list are available in a store~~located in the vicinity of a shopper~~, the method comprising:

storing a shopping list in a portable computer device, wherein the shopping list comprises a plurality of items;

receiving a signal at the portable computer device from a short-range, local wireless communications system located in a store;

determining from the received signal at the portable computer device whether any item on the shopping list is available in the store; and

if any of the items on the shopping list are determined to be available in the store, providing an indication to a user of the portable computer device that the item is available in the store.

28. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein the short-range, local wireless communication signal is sent from a location in the store that is within the vicinity of the portable computer device, and wherein the indication provided to a user indicates that the item is within the vicinity of the user.

29. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein the portable computer device is a personal digital assistant.

30. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein the short-range, local wireless communications system complies with the Bluetooth communications standard.

31. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein the step of storing a shopping list in the portable computer device comprises downloading the shopping list from the Internet at a location inside of the store.

32. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein the step of entering a shopping list in the portable computer device comprises:

        receiving a selection of a recipe from a user;

        determining a list of items based on ingredients specified in the recipe; and

        storing the list of items on the portable computer device.

33. (Previously Presented)   A machine readable medium having embodied thereon instructions executable by a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

        storing a shopping list in a portable computer device, wherein the shopping list comprises a plurality of items;

        receiving a signal at the portable computer device from a short-range, local wireless communications system located in a store;

        determining from the received signal at the portable computer device whether any item on the shopping list is available in the store; and

        if any of the items on the shopping list are determined to be available in the store, providing an indication to a user of the portable computer device that the item is available in the store.

34. (Previously Presented)   The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein the short-range, local wireless communication signal is sent from a location in the store that is within the vicinity of the portable computer device, and wherein the indication provided to a user indicates that the item is within the vicinity of the user.

35. (Previously Presented)   The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein the portable computer device is a personal digital assistant.

36. (Previously Presented)   The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein the short-range, local wireless communications system complies with the Bluetooth communications standard.

37. (Previously Presented)   The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein the step of storing a shopping list in the portable computer device comprises downloading the shopping list from the Internet at a location inside of the store.

38. (Previously Presented)   The machine readable medium of claim 33, wherein the step of entering a shopping list in the portable computer device comprises:

        receiving a selection of a recipe from a user;

        determining a list of items based on ingredients specified in the recipe; and

        storing the list of items on the portable computer device.